AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1-2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) A device for collecting a fluid specimen, comprising:

a container configured to receive the fluid specimen;

a plunger movably positioned within the container, wherein the plunger moves from a first position at an upper region of the container to a second position below the first position;

a fluid segregation chamber configured to receive a portion of the fluid specimen from the container, wherein fluid in the segregation chamber is segregated from fluid in the container;

a fluid flow lumen that provides a passageway for at least a portion of the fluid specimen to flow into the fluid segregation chamber, wherein a first end of the passageway has a first opening that opens into the fluid segregation chamber and a second end of the passageway has a second opening configured to receive at least a portion of the fluid specimen; and

a seal member that covers the first opening or the second opening, wherein the seal member prevents fluid from entering the fluid segregation chamber until the seal member is broken;

wherein the plunger is configured to move from the first position toward the second position upon insertion of a test element to effect breaking of the seal member and further causing at least a portion of the fluid specimen to flow through the second opening into the fluid flow lumen and out of the first opening into the fluid segregation chamber; and

~~The device of claim 1, further comprising~~

a slot extending through ~~the~~a cap and communicating with the fluid segregation chamber.

4. (Currently Amended). The device of claim 3~~2~~, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the cap is coupled to the container, and a plunger housing that extends downwardly from the cap into the container, wherein the plunger housing comprises sidewalls and a bottom wall.